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2. Q: DOES THE U.S. SUPPORT PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S SUGGESTION THAT NEUTRAL AFRICANS BE STATIONED AT ZAIRE'S BORDERS TO MONITOR THE SUPPORT THE INVADERS ARE RECEIVING FROM OUTSIDE ZAIRE?

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A: WE HAVE SEEN PRESS REPORTS OF THAT IDEA, BUT HAVE NOT YET BEEN APPRIZED OF ANY FORMAL INTENTION TO CALL FOR SUCH AN OBSERVER GROUP. WE WOULD LOOK WITH FAVOR ON ANY INITIATIVE WHICH WOULD ENCOURAGE PEACE AND STABILITY IN CENTRAL AFRICA AND PROTECT THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ZAIRE.

3. Q: DOES THE U.S. HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE KOLWEZI INCIDENT IN WHICH MOROCCAN SOLDIERS MURDERED AND ATTACKED ZAIRIAN CIVILIANS?

A: WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE MOROCCAN AUTHORITIES ARE LOOKING INTO THE INCIDENT AND WOULD PREFER THEREFORE NOT TO CHARACTERIZE IT BASED ON A PRESS REPORT.

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